

Nahaco Commission Minutes for August 6, 2014

Meeting held at Camp Nahaco Dinning Hall

Submitted by Ryan Gadoury on August 7, 2014

Members Present: Mary Ellen Ellsworth, Missy Vincent, Beach Baywood, Dick Woodward, Tom Hawkins, Chuck Lee, First Selectman Allan Walker, First Selectman Art Brodeur, Selectmen : Terry Cote, Rob Torcellini, Chandler Paquette, , Mitchel Eaffy.

Members Absent: Tony Perreault, Sam Asikainen

Nahaco Comission Special Meeting:

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm by Mary Ellen
- 2) Current budget for Nahaco is \$7,000 roughly
- 3) Art Broder: instead of putting money into specific things at Nahaco, the commission should ask the public what they want for the camp through a survey of some sort at next municipal elections. Must do a survey through the town government because the Nahaco Park Commission does not have enough money to do so. It is obvious the town wants the park to continue so the NPC should realize where the park needs help and doesn't need help. Should the park remain self-sustained?
- 4) Allan Walker: Proposes that the Woodstock and Eastford selectmen must see a budget plan and agree on it before funding the \$900.
- 5) Dick Woodward: Proposes the idea that any organization, public or private, should pay some amount of money to use buildings.
- 6) Chandler Paquette: The pump house must be completely replaced not just repaired. However, where does the funding come for it? Commission must decide what buildings are still useful and what can go.
- 7) Mitchel Eaffy: Not only do the selectmen need a business plan but also a sustainability plan.
- 8) Terry Cote: Nahaco needs a staff to take care of the park (maintenance man, manager). Park must remain self-sustained. She also poses the idea of more infrastructure to generate more income.
- 9) Rob Torcellini: The camp should not take tax dollars as it may upset the tax payers.
- 10) Mary Ellen Ellsworth: the "nurse" cabin needs updating
- 11) Chuck Lee: Survey will not work because people do not know the financial and physical state of the park. Town meetings must be organized to inform town selectmen so that they can inform the tax payers. The committee must realize what priority in the park is and what problems need the money more than others.
- 12) Tom Hawkins: Proposes the idea for more rentals available to the public.
- 13) Chuck Lee: Must close or repair the waterfront beach and walls as they pose a threat to the public.
- 14) Chandler Paquette: Have a town meeting here so that town selectmen see how bad the camp is to possibly get more funding.

Boards of Selectmen left.

Nahaco Commission Meeting

Treasurer's Report: **Fund Balance- 37,391.34**

- 1) Motion: To approve minutes of July 2, 2014. (Lee /Vincent)

- 2) The Walker Lane tree trimming/building removal has another 125 hours to work sometime after September 21, 2014. Chuck Lee proposes the idea of having the latrine behind the Mohegan building with the cement floors removed next.
- 3) It is reported that the day camp at Nahaco is running very smoothly. Mary Ellen suggests that there should be an alternate activity other than watching a movie on a rainy day. However, it was also reported that a tent was left by the dumpster for an extended period of time.
- 4) Tony Perreault and Ryan Gadoury will be the new administrators on the Camp Nahaco Facebook page. The committee also needs more Q&A pamphlets.
- 5) Tom Hawkins and Chuck Lee will tend the gate until a new caretaker is chosen. Chuck Lee will also head the subcommittee of himself, Tom Hawkins, Missy Vincent, and Tony to discuss plans for a new caretaker.
- 6) Current caretaker will be leaving shortly. Rachel Hanrian is interested in filling the position. She has left her contact info with Dick. Possible new tasks for the caretaker would be to take care of the dumpsters and rid the park of trash and also to clean up after events.
- 7) Mary Ellen reports that the camp will run at a loss this year as there were only 75 kids at the day camp this year instead of the usual 85. This could be an impact of the Woodstock school program. The camp will lose between 500-\$1000.
- 8) Lincoln Budd has the old gate; Chuck Lee will retrieve it at a later date.
- 9) Dick proposes the idea of a drop box asking for donations down by the waterfront with a sign explaining the box.
- 10) It will cost around \$750 to put an information pamphlet in every mailbox in Woodstock and Eastford asking for donations.
- 11) Chuck Lee will organize a meeting with town selectmen to go over spending and funding.

New officers:

Chairman: Dick Woodward

Vice Chairman: vacant

Treasurer: Beach Baywood

Secretary: Missy Vincent

- 12) Motion: (Ellsworth/Baywood) To adjourn meeting at 9:56.